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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the West, but mostly unchanged in the East and Midwest. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, steady to at least steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to less available due to plants being down Friday and some today due to the Easter holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to at least moderate. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders were balanced to tight and held with confidence. All other items were no more than adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 09-APR-2007 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			70.93	24
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.24	36	75.52	69
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			76.97	14
Denver	84.50	84.13	14	83.48	16
Detroit	76.00-77.00	77.63	8	78.41	49
Los Angeles	85.00	84.19	64	84.49	121
New York	73.00-76.00	75.10	21	77.03	47
Philadelphia	72.50-74.00	73.18	11	74.64	22
Pittsburgh	72.00-75.00	73.50	10	77.92	55
St. Louis	75.00-75.25	74.72	20	75.44	32
San Francisco	85.50	85.15	30	84.28	67

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/09/07	Change Last Wk	04/02/07	04/10/06
516	78.73	.07	78.66	59.37

WOG broilers - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	78.00-80.50	78.77	32
Central	70.00-79.00	77.27	71
Western	79.00-83.00	81.38	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	77.50-79.00	78.10	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 77.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,119	73.00-81.00	76.66

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	210.00	1,360
BREASTS - B/S	169.50	5,648
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,382
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.50	1,126
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	8,918
WINGS	136.00	2,664

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate following the Easter holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to adequate for current needs with some operations taking down time due to the religious holiday. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were in close balance to short, most other items were no better than adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST Final majority prices were unchanged into Chicago and Detroit, slightly higher into St. Louis from Monday's finals; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were light, but sufficient for current trade call. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were in close balance overall with wings somewhat more available. The market tone was generally steady on all part items.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Demand into all channels following the holiday weekend was light to moderate with increased interest expected. Availability of all sizes was sufficient to limited due to reduced processing schedules last week. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active with supplies no more than adequate and held with confidence, particularly breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN Final majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Trading reported on both new and regular negotiations were at mainly higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate to cover an only fair buyers' need. Buying activity was light to moderate. Retailer was moderate at best. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Leg quarters and white meat items were in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .61 to 81.19 with the volume reported at 31 loads unchanged from last week.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at least fair for early week business. Seller offerings were usually clearing due in part to plants down time. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were very light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, B/S breast and tenders were very close balance. Wings were mostly clearing, but some availability was noted. Dark meat items were in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	73-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly moderate to at least moderate following the extended Easter holiday weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were tight and held with confidence. The balance of items were no more than adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless skinless breasts and tenders, steady to fully steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	175	164.05	664,326
TENDERLOINS	190-195	190.01	124,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	107.09	24,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.61	69,480
LEGS	56-57	56.85	189,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	39.16	291,200
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	49.73	95,160
THIGHS	51-52	51.80	28,640
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.08	102,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	122.13	137,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.63	18,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.77	4,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	41.48	17,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,500	151.00-207.00	160-161	160.96
TENDERLOINS	403	190.00-260.00	-	206.39
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QRTS (BULK)	1,551	38.00-39.00	-	38.36
LEG QRTS (4/10)	1,413	40.00-45.00	41-44	41.86
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,363	48.00-52.00	48-50	49.12

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/09	04/05	04/05	04/02	03/29
Alabama	4,088	3,856	5.46	3,971	5.33
Arkansas	5,087	5,244	5.09	5,118	5.13
Delmarva	1,309	2,157	5.69	2,196	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,137	2,318	4.98	2,315	4.89
Mississippi	3,040	3,025	5.39	2,985	5.36
North Carolina	1,744	2,705	6.70	2,655	6.82
Texas	2,445	2,480	5.21	2,470	5.18
Total	19,850	21,785	5.46	21,710	5.45
Mon	19,850(A)			21,710(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Apr 2007 is estimated to be 29,698,000 down 8.84 percent from a week ago. and up 7.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,578,000 last year 27,535,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	555	161.00-238.00	-	168.16
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	176	55.00-63.00	56-57	56.41
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	435	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	327	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	109.00-131.00	-	121.16
WINGS (CUT)	195	135.00-151.00	-	140.13
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APRIL 09, 2007 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S SAVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.00 - 71.00	68.34	68.29

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 09-APR-TO 13-APR-2007

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	156.00 - 178.00	161.00 - 168.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 120.00	100.00 - 110.00
LEGS	56.50 - 62.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 46.00	41.00 - 42.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	39.00 - 46.00	43.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	43.00 - 53.00	-
THIGHS	51.00 - 57.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	123.00 - 141.00	136.00 - 141.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	90-108
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.5-110.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-105
	DRY PACK 110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
	DRY PACK 100-107
DUCKS	185-195

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

April 06, 2007

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-19.00	11.25-15.00	2,683,708	402,508
WTD AVERAGE	16.38	12.96		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels are higher compared to the past period. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales had slowed. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.75 CENTS/LB.		7.69

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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April 06, 2007

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	16.00-17.00	540,200	260,200
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	16.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	1,566,400	722,400
WTD AVERAGE	16.79	13.77		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to about offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal with some plants taking some down time in observance of the Easter holiday. Sales of finished product was moderate to at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-12 CENTS/LB.		7.85

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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